

## CAPTAIN IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING BOY

H. G. Twyman Charged With Killing Dell Thames at Training School.

## CHOKED ON DRILL GROUND

Texas Authorities Investigate Alleged Ill Treatment at the Institution.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.—GATEVILLE, Tex., Oct. 15.—Following the death of Dell Thames, 15-year-old boy, at the Texas Training School for Boys, for whose death Capt. H. G. Twyman, 35, is being held without bond on the charge of murder, the State Board of Control is conducting a searching investigation here to determine to what extent other boys in the institution have been mistreated, as alleged by witnesses.

The Thames boy had been at the school only two days. It is charged, when the ordeal began which resulted in his death, and which consisted of repeated whippings with a three inch strap, denial of meals, standing at rigid attention for a half hour, blows with the flat and lastly choking. He was choked on the drill grounds in the presence of J. Thomas and Ed Stokes, inmates, and J. J. Johnson, a guard, according to the testimony which they gave at Twyman's examination trial. "The boy said, either he could not or would not execute the drills properly."

The Thames boy died on the ground as Twyman, Johnson and the two other boys stood above him looking on. It is said, and afterward his body was carried to the school hospital and turned over to the nurse, Mrs. A. Grady, who testified that although Twyman took him to the hospital a few minutes later he did not inform her what caused the boy's death, and that when she examined the body she found bruises over the face, finger marks on both sides of the neck and black and blue marks on the back and hips. Three physicians, an undertaker, Sheriff Hollingsworth and County Attorney Robinson, who saw the body, corroborated evidence given by the nurse. Dell died two weeks ago on Sunday morning about 8 or 8:30, but Superintendent King testified he did not learn what caused the boy's death until about 3 o'clock that afternoon, although he had talked with Twyman and Johnson. Twyman, said King, told him that he did not know how Dell had died.

Superintendent Makes Charge. "About 9 o'clock that morning," testified King, "I met Twyman and asked him what caused the death of Dell Thames. But he only said that two other boys had beaten Dell to him and that as soon as he asked what was the matter Dell dropped dead. No other explanation was given me. I saw the marks on the boy's back, neck and hips, and I personally made a charge of murder against Twyman, and he was arrested."

Later Sheriff Hollingsworth signed the charge of murder. T. M. Thames of Beaumont, father of Dell Thames, said that when he came to Gateville he was informed that Twyman had been arrested, but that King gave him to understand, more or less, that the death could not be helped and that it was more accidental than otherwise. He did not see the body until he returned to Beaumont, where physicians examined it and informed him that his son was beaten and choked to death. It was then that Thames went to Austin, conferred with Governor Neff and the latter ordered an inquiry into the whole system at Gateville. He appointed Judge H. E. Bell of Gateville to head the inquiry and Bell is cooperating with the State Board. The 330 boys at the institution, which has been held up to a model school, boys there average 8 to 15 years old, but a few are older than that. The institution is crowded and the little fellows in several instances must sleep two in a bed. The boys arise at 6:30 and retire at 9 o'clock, and the day is filled with work, study and drills. The buildings are kept immaculately clean and the grounds are well kept. King is held in high regard by the people of Gateville. If he has been at the school, it is said, it was because he trusted too much to subordinates.

Not a Penal Institute. The boys are not sent to the school for punishment, but are training boys that they may become good citizens, and not all of them are sent there as bad boys. Many of them have been sent there because they were delinquents in the home. Adolf Fischer, a veteran of the world war and who was with the Nineteenth Division, has succeeded Twyman. He has lived in Gateville for twenty-five years. Thames is in the creamery business at Beaumont and has seven other children. He is a member of the Rotary Club and Business Men's League. He denied that his son was ever arrested, but even charged with a crime, and declares that he sent Dell to Gateville voluntarily because the school had been recommended to him, and adds that Dell was unruly at times but afraid of nothing, seldom fought and had helped the police at Beaumont in catching a negro murderer recently. Officials at the school declared the boy was the hardest to manage they ever received. However, he was there only four days until he was killed.

The first day he merely arrived, the second he was classified and the third day, Friday, he was sent out into the field to drill when the alleged mistreatment began. Capt. Twyman had been commandant at the school for eighteen months and holds a commission in the United States Reserve Corps. His parents, brothers and sisters reside at Waverly, Ohio, and for a time he was commandant at the Boys' Industrial School at Lancaster, Ohio. He was in the army four and a half years and spent one year in the service in the Philippines. His army experience was as enlisted man chiefly, but he said that during the war he was commissioned as a first lieutenant. He is tall and of athletic build and has made no statement whatever concerning the charges against him.

## LONG ISLAND RAILROAD HAS 66,610 COMMUTERS

Makes Few Changes in Winter Train Schedule.

The increase in travel on the Long Island Railroad has recently been so rapid that few cuts have been made in trains during the time the winter schedule is in force.

The schedule, which takes effect today, has been made up with the knowledge that many of the nearby towns of Long Island have almost as many winter as summer commuters. The total of monthly commuters is now 66,610, more than 10,000 greater than the number a year ago. Lynbrook, Rockville Centre, Freeport and other places of this sort are winter commuters, towns and Long Beach hotels are preparing to make that place a winter as well as a summer resort.

## ROCKEFELLER'S BUILDING IN CHINA HAS SPIRIT EXITS

New Medical College in Peking Erected on Approved Method of Oriental Architecture, Says Edwin Embree, Who Attended Dedication Exercises.

The steps leading to the main entrance of the buildings of the new Peking Medical College, erected and maintained by the Rockefeller Foundation, which carved sections designed for the exclusive use of the spirits of one's ancestors, in accordance with the approved method of Chinese architecture, it was said yesterday by Edwin R. Embree, secretary of the Foundation, who has just returned to New York from the dedication ceremonies in Peking last month.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who with his family attended the exercises, will remain in China a couple of months longer, Mr. Embree announced. He said they will return to America on the next voyage of the Empress of Asia early in December.

Effort has been made not to offend the sensibilities of those who are to receive treatment, and means of easy access to the hospital buildings for spirits are provided as a concession to Chinese desire in the matter. Mr. Embree explained that all public structures in China are thus equipped. The stairs are much the same as those of ordinary buildings here, save that in the center is an elaborately carved inclined plane upon which mortals never step lest they offend the invisible spirits of departed Chinese, who are supposed to stalk majestically up and down its surface.

## TIGER FRESHMEN TO HAVE GUARDIAN

Prof. Radcliffe Hermance Will Take All of Them Under His Wing.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.—PRINCETON, Oct. 15.—Princeton freshmen are to have a guardian. No longer will the lonely, ignorant, homesick young man be thrust into the maelstrom of the university and left to find his own nook and friends, mainly by sheer chance. Instead Prof. Radcliffe Hermance, chairman of the Board of Advisers, as the newly appointed Supervisor of Freshmen will take them all under his capacious wing. Prof. Hermance was silent to-day concerning his new job, and likewise declined to say how many communications from fond fathers and mother mothers concerning their sons had already reached him.

Prof. Hermance's job, in brief, is to be a guardian angel to the freshman class. He must give advice on all matters, and will be liaison officer between the young undergraduates and the faculty. Disciplinary functions continue vested in Dean McClintock as formerly. With the appointment of the supervisors, the entire faculty advisory system has been overhauled. Some years ago the system of faculty advisers was adopted by Princeton, the theory being that each student would have the benefit of the advice of some member of the faculty and would have to consult one instructor when making out his schedule of elective subjects for each term. In theory student and instructor were to develop a real personal friendship. Actually, however, professors had so many students to advise that they were overloaded, and eventually it came to the point where in upper class years undergraduates and advisers rarely met. Again, a classical student might find himself compelled to consult a professor wrapped up in chemistry about what he thought of taking more Latin.

The new system exempts juniors and seniors from the advisory system. Sophomores will retain the advisers they had in the freshman year. In addition to Prof. Hermance, each freshman will be assigned to some adviser, preferably one of his own instructors, or a man whom he knew before entering college. No one professor will have more than twenty young men to look after under this system.

## BETH ISRAEL HOSPITAL TO HOLD 1,500 PATIENTS

New Structure Now in Course of Erection.

The new Beth Israel Hospital, a fifteen-story structure, at Livingston place and Seventeenth street, which is in course of erection, will have beds for 1,500 patients—all private rooms, which will be the major part of the new building at Cherry, Monroe and Jefferson streets, accommodates 150 persons. Beth Israel Hospital will be one of the largest in the world. In point of service its directors plan to make it the greatest. The plans for the new building were developed under the direction of L. L. Phillips, chairman of the building committee, travelled throughout the country studying hospital construction and spent years in consultation with workers in every hospital department, receiving suggestions and synthesizing these suggestions into an ideal, practical outline, representing the ultimate development of hospital construction.

The cost of the new building will be \$2,000,000. Of this sum \$1,500,000 will be contributed by the United Building Fund Campaign Committee which in 1919 conducted a drive for \$10,000,000 for the erection of buildings for the Federal Jewish Institutions of this city. The remainder of the sum, Mr. Phillips announced, will be contributed, it is expected, by friends of the hospital, without the necessity of a drive.

## WHALE HEADED STORK IS IN MUSEUM HERE

Fearsome Bird Came From the Upper Nile.

From the papyrus marshes of the upper Nile has come the skin and skeleton of the rare whale headed or shoe-bill stork, to find his last resting place in a glass case in the American Museum of Natural History. The stork is the gift of Irving K. Taylor of New York city. Now that the bird is reduced to skin and skeleton it seems safe to call it the whale headed or shoe-bill stork, but back in the papyrus marshes of the Nile it would seem from an inspection of the bird to have been a very different matter. It is a giant, gray bird, and stands five feet high, with shoulders hunched menacingly, after the fashion of Tenth Avenue sunmen. It is very wild. Its large head is surmounted by a little curled tuft. The expression of its eyes is scowling. Its huge bill, which really is shaped like a whale's head, is upped with a formidable hook. In short, it is a tough customer. Only because it may be related to the herons, despite the indubitable fact that it is the black sheep of the stork family, gives it the entrée to the museum.

Only four other specimens of this disagreeable bird are known to be in this country. They were all brought here by Col. T. J. Roosevelt, gray figure in the National Museum at Washington.

PRINCE TO SING IN OPERA. ROME, Oct. 15.—Prince Alexis Obolensky, who is well known in London society and who has sung before Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra, and the Prince of Wales, will appear on the operatic stage. He will make his debut in Moussorgsky's opera "Boris Godunov" at the San Carlo Opera House, Naples, next January.

## LEGION FOR RELIEF OF NEEY VETERANS

Measures to Be Presented at Convention to Aid 900,000 Reported Jobless.

## TO ACT ON MANY ISSUES

11,000 Posts Will Be Represented at Third Annual Session in Kansas City.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 15.—National headquarters of the American Legion announced to-day that it is expected the legion in its third annual convention at Kansas City, beginning October 21, will discuss a number of important problems. Headquarters predicts that the convention will lay plans for a "fight to the finish" on that issue before Congress, and that it will take steps to relieve distress among 900,000 former service men who are reported to be unemployed.

More than 1,000 voting delegates will be present, representing 11,000 posts of the Legion. Representatives have been named for 100,000 out of town visitors in Kansas City during the convention. A survey of legion sentiment throughout the country as expressed in instructions to delegates and in actions by State and county conventions of the legion reveals, says the announcement, the following additional issues on which it is believed the national legion assembly will declare itself:

It is held certain at headquarters that immediate action will be taken for temporary relief of the unemployed. A national committee of the organization has been making a study of relief measures following a countrywide survey.

## Compensation Bill Up.

It is affirmed by some members of the legion that passage of the Sweet bill, creating the Veterans Bureau, has not fully overcome all the difficulties which have prevented disabled men from obtaining all their rights, and this question will be considered. In each of the fourteen regional districts of the Veterans Bureau, a representative of the legion has been assisting the bureau in adjusting points between posts and individuals. These representatives will be able to present to the convention reports showing just what the new bureau is or is not doing.

Further plans for obtaining passage of the Federal adjusted compensation bill are to be considered. Legion representatives say that almost every State convention since the recommitment of the measure has passed resolutions of support for its policy of pushing the bill. The organization's national legislative committee will present a report on the subject with recommendations for further procedure.

The convention, it is expected, will consider the question of limitation of armaments in view of the importance of the International conference in Washington opening on Armistice Day. At its first and second national conventions the legion declared its course as a medium between jingoism and blind pacifism, and its military policy that of preparedness.

## Politics Favored by Some.

Questions have arisen among the membership concerning the definition of the legion's policy of absolute neutrality in politics. The States and posts being at variance in their interpretations of the ruling. The Wyoming department has proposed an amendment to the constitution to allow "protection of the candidacy of any person seeking public office when his election would, in the judgment of the legion, promote the purposes for which the legion was organized as defined in the preamble to its constitution."

The legion is pledged to "law and order" and "neutrality in disputes between capital and labor." It is pointed out that the legion's single post or individuals which violate these rules are to be brought up in the convention. The legion's recommendations at its first two conventions that "the so-called gentleman's agreement with Japan be abrogated" and that "foreign born Japanese be forever barred from American citizenship" is expected to come up again. The legion in California, Texas, Arizona, Washington, Colorado and Nebraska has supported the enactment of laws prohibiting land holding by the Japanese. Washington legionaries went on record as favoring the return of all Japanese in this country to their native land.

Almost every legion State convention has passed resolutions demanding the return of the slacker Bergdoll, difficulties with a review of the publication of slacker and draft deserter lists, will come up for discussion.

On the last day of the convention a national commander, five national vice commanders and a national chaplain will be elected. There are no announced candidates. New Orleans, Baltimore, San Francisco and Houston are in the race for the meeting place of the 1923 convention.

## HOW TO FINANCE LARGE ENGINEERING WORKS

National Societies to Hold International Discussion.

Four national engineering societies will join in a discussion on "Financing of Large Engineering Projects" at the Engineering Societies Building, 20 West Thirty-ninth street, next Wednesday evening. It was announced yesterday by the metropolitan section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The other societies are the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Among the speakers will be Arthur B. Leach of A. B. Leach & Co., investment bankers, New York; Philip Cabot of White, Weld & Co., Boston. The discussion will be led by John H. Delaney, formerly Transit Construction Commissioner of New York city, and J. M. Williams of Day & Zimmerman, consulting engineers.

## MINE MACHINE MEN IN PROSPERITY DRIVE

3,000 Leaders Will Meet in Chicago to Discuss Trade Problems.

## RAIL HEADS INVITED

Equipment Purchases to Increase Production Will Be Considered.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Three thousand representatives of the mining industry and of the manufacturers of mine machinery and mine equipment will meet in Chicago October 17-23 to plan for prosperity and to develop if possible a constructive industrial platform for the mining industry, according to its officers. The twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Mining Congress, held in conjunction with the National Exposition of Mines and Mining Equipment, has been arranged to bring out the problems which are of special significance to American industry.

There are three general divisions to the work of the convention: The general sessions at which representative industrial leaders will present analyses of the important problems; the group of sessions which will furnish an opportunity for general discussion and conference relative to these problems and the National Exposition of Mines and Mining Equipment, which will enable the mine operators and mine officials to study the latest forms of machine equipment and to prepare their plans for purchase of the equipment necessary in the development of renewed mine production.

In the general session of the conven-

tion it is announced that special attention will be given to the relationship between the railroad and the mining industry, the relationship between the mine operators and the labor union, the standardization of mine equipment as aiming at greater efficiency in mine production, the effect of our foreign policy upon domestic industry, the possibility of the increased use of metal products in the domestic market and the importance of benefit to be derived by permitting cooperative combination in the production and distribution of mine products.

Each of these questions will be discussed from different angles. C. H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, will present the point of view of the railroad company in considering the question of the relationship between railroads and present transportation rates and industry generally. Gov. Mabey of Utah and T. T. Brewster of St. Louis will take up and discuss the attitude of metal mining men and of the coal operators towards the transportation problem.

Prominent mine operators including T. H. Watkins, president of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke Company, Kansas City, will discuss the relationship between the coal industry and the public and the relationship between the mine operator and the United Mine Worker. The situation in West Virginia will be given special attention. John J. Cornwell, former Governor of West Virginia, will discuss the problem from the standpoint of the general public and the principles involved in this labor struggle.

Two days of the convention will be devoted to a discussion of the standardization of mine equipment and mining method. A. A. Stevenson, president of the American Engineering Standard Committee; J. M. Wainwright, Assistant Secretary of War; Dr. S. W. Stratton, Director of the Bureau of Standards and others will analyze and discuss the whole question of the practical application of standardized methods in the production of mine equipment and mine machinery and in the carrying on of mine operation, and it is expected that Herbert C. Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, will talk to the general convention on "Standardization as a Means for Efficiency."

## 'RANGE EMPRESS' DEAD IN LONDON

Mrs. Cornelia Adair Owned and Operated Ranch of 500,000 Acres.

## PIONEER IN SOUTHWEST

Her Nephew, Senator Wadsworth, Once Managed Her Vast Cattle Interests.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.—FORT WORTH, Oct. 15.—With the death of Mrs. Cornelia Adair in London a week ago America lost one of its most striking feminine personalities. She not only owned one of the largest ranches in the world but through active management and business foresight made her ranch the best paying in the United States.

A pioneer of the Southwest, used to the hardships and rough frontier life, yet Mrs. Adair spent much of her time in close association with the nobility of England and frequently entertained nobility at the "J. A." ranch in Donkey county, comprising 500,000 acres and more than 1,000,000 head of cattle. Only a few months ago Mrs. Adair was host to a party of English nobility at the "J. A." ranch, and returned with them to England, intending to return to Texas early in 1921.

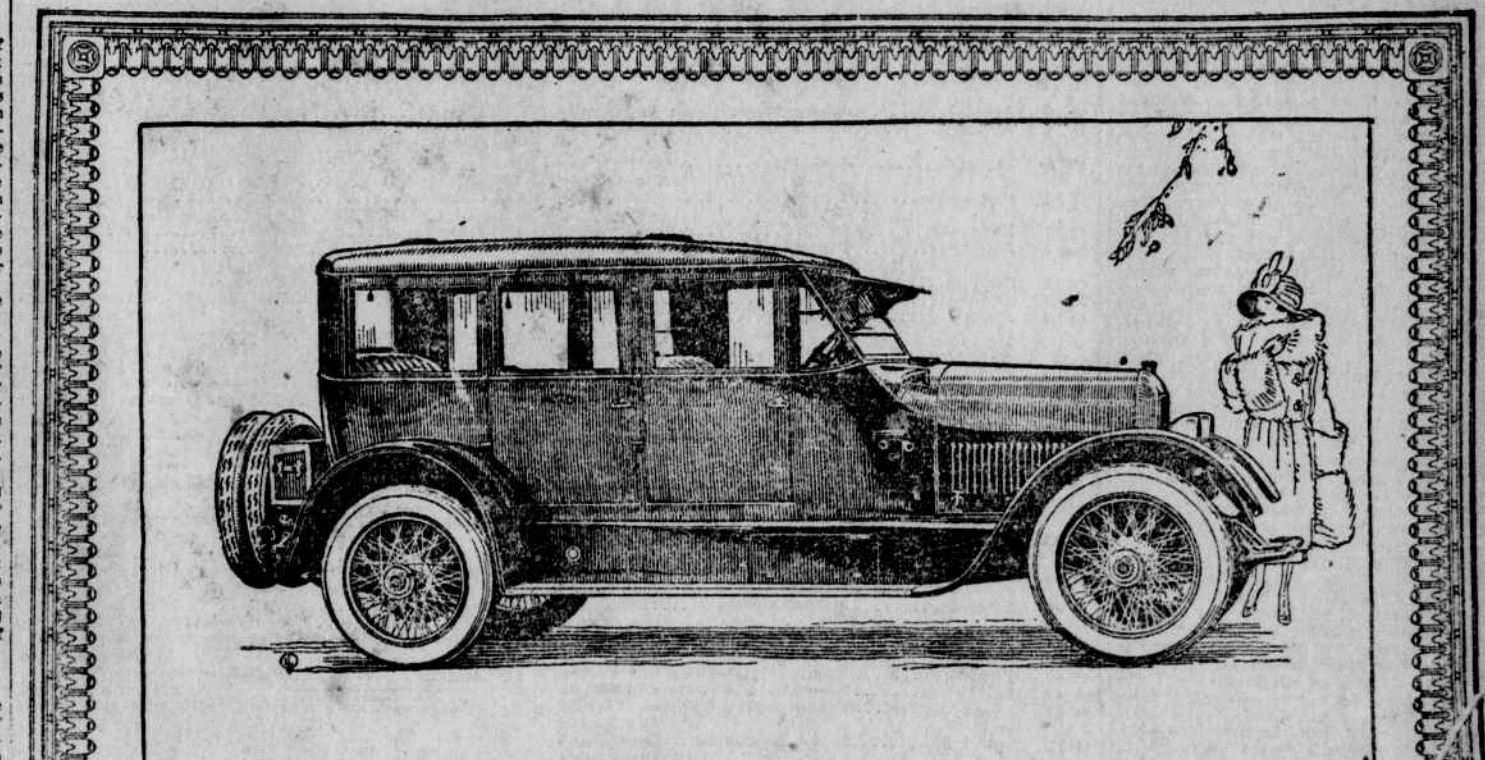
She was 85 years old, and since 1885, when her husband died, she personally superintended the immense property. She was in truth an empress of the ranges, had been expert with the lasso, rode with her cowboys, put through big

deals in livestock and improved the "J. A." herd until it has become known as the best in Texas. At all big stock shows her cattle have won first prizes. Mrs. Adair was a native of New York, the daughter of Major-General James B. Wadsworth of Genesee. She married John Adair, an Irishman, in the early '70s and went with him to Colorado. Mrs. Adair, her husband, Mrs. Mary Goodnight, wife of her husband's partner, and a score of cowboys made the journey from Pueblo, Colo., to the Texas ranch overland, driving a herd of cattle through a country menaced both by Indians and wild animals and where water holes were few. When within a short distance of their destination it was a gamble whether the entire party and animals would die from thirst.

The horse men and women rode shambled along exhausted and the cattle were dropping out almost every minute. A small stream was found in the nick of time, members of the party reaching it one by one and almost gone. They reached the site of the J. A. ranch next day, then a barren tract of land, two shanties were built in which Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Goodnight lived for several years. The ranch at first totaled 1,000,000 acres and about a year after arriving there Adair bought out Goodnight's interest.

After Adair's death Mrs. Adair employed Richard Walsh to help in management and he was associated with her until ten years ago, when he went to Rhodesia, Africa, and assumed management of a 6,000,000 acre ranch. Walsh died in Africa a month ago. When Walsh left, James A. Wadsworth of New York, her nephew, succeeded him, but he retired in 1914 when elected United States Senator from New York. J. H. Holden is now managing the ranch. It is expected that the Wadsworth family will continue to own and operate the property.

Mrs. Adair, despite her busy life, took deep interest in art, literature and music, devoting much time to study while alone on her ranch in the seventies. She made liberal contributions to charity, helped build the Y. M. C. A. at Clarendon, built a hospital at Clarendon for her ranch hands and the public and invested largely in Liberty bonds during the war.



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